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WASHINGTON, February 1, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 27 totaled 345,864, up 0.8 percent from the comparable week of 1989 and 1.5 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.3 percent in the West but down 1.2 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 6,930 cars (5.5 percent), and loadings of metallic ores were up 3,531 cars (24.8 percent). Grain loadings were up 2,489 cars (7.7 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 5,124 cars (23.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first four weeks of 1990 totaled 1,306,751, down 1.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 118,129 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 27, up 2.9 percent from the comparable week of 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of 1990 was 438,183 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 27 totaled 20.1 billion, 1.0 percent above the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1990 was an estimated 75.8 billion ton-miles, down 0.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	34,788	32,299	7.7 %	33,368	4.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,073	2,611	-20.6	2,415	-14.2
Metallic Ores	17,773	14,242	24.8	16,567	7.3
Coal	132,268	125,338	5.5	133,163	-.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,408	12,031	3.1	12,491	-.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,323	8,347	11.7	8,505	9.6
Grain Mill Products	10,167	10,570	-3.8	10,135	.3
Food & Kindred Products	9,157	9,345	-2.0	8,978	2.0
Primary Forest Products	9,864	11,206	-12.0	10,367	-4.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,992	7,660	-8.7	6,747	3.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,742	11,166	-3.8	11,136	-3.5
Chemicals	28,702	28,692	.0	29,212	-1.7
Petroleum Products	5,106	5,142	-.7	5,601	-8.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,888	10,044	-11.5	9,169	-3.1
Coke	5,505	5,653	-2.6	5,487	.3
Metals & Products	10,588	10,616	-.3	9,782	8.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,388	21,512	-23.8	12,680	29.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,654	9,335	-7.3	8,664	-.1
All Other Carloads	6,476	7,192	-10.0	6,438	.6
Total	345,864	343,001	.8 %	340,905	1.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 4 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 27, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,864	343,001	.8 %	1,306,751	1,324,744	-1.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,797	67,584	-1.2	243,492	243,891	-.2
Containers	51,332	47,172	8.8	194,691	180,336	8.0
Total	118,129	114,756	2.9	438,183	424,227	3.3
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.1	19.9	1.0 %	75.8	76.3	-.7 %

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